

SHAW

Angus Shaw  
m.  
Anne Dallas

Alexander

John

Aeneas  
(-1813)

Anne

1. Ann Goodline
2. Margaret Hickman

Richard  
(1790-1834)

m.  
Dorothy Shultz

John.  
d.  
unn.

Chas.  
(1786-1806)  
unn.

Aeneas  
(1789-1874)

m.  
Anne Higgins  
(1801-84)

Dan  
(1800-  
unn.

Bo  
gob  
(6

Shultz  
(1830-

Richard.  
m.

May Belwood

Charlotte  
m.

Ann Mallory

Isabella.

Frederick Ida Alice

John  
(1827-40)

m.  
Elijah Miller

James

George.

Frederick

Richard.

son son

Harriet

Elija

Joshua

John

Isabella

May

Elaine

Margaret

David  
(1800-  
unn.)

Isabella  
m.  
John Powell  
(b 1787- )

Sophia  
(1792-1872)

Ann  
(1797- )  
died

Mary  
m.  
- Ralston

Anne  
(1798- )  
m.  
John Sprad ~~Baldwin~~  
Baldwin

Charlotte  
m.  
Rev Ephraim Ennis

mes

George.

Agnes  
m.  
Mr. Weir.  
Wm John Weir.

Alexander.  
(1844-50)



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General Shaw

THE RUSSELL PAPERS.

FROM AENEAS SHAW TO PETER RUSSELL, continued.

for myself 1000 in Flamborough

400 in York

900 in Pickering

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2300

Charles in Hamilton

Aeneas in Haldimand

1200 each

Richard in Darlington

George in Cramahe

Aeneas Shaw

Endorsed:--Mr. Russell 9 May. 1797. (Mr. Shaw)

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NIAGARA 9th May 1797

Dear Sir

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Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

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PETER RUSSELL

John Shaw

Whitby 1200 Acres each

Isabella Shaw

Alexander

Clark (e) 1200

Sophia

Painting of  
Buck saying  
goodby to  
Sophia Shaw -  
in Parl'r Bldgs -  
Ottawa

SHAW.

CHINGACOUSY EAST.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, con.3, 25 Oct., 1871, Ann Shaw et al. 100 ac.

Sw $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, con.3, Aeneas Shaw in 1837 Directory.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, con.3, Aeneas Shaw in 1837 Directory.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, con.3, John Shaw listed on 1877 map.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, con.3, 26 Nov., 1890, Wm. Jas. Shaw and

Aeneas Shaw. 100 ac. \$1.00.

E $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 8, con.3, 7 Oct. 1843, Aeneas Shaw. 50 ac.  
£23.10.



Major-General AEneas Shaw, U.E. served during 7

American Revolution. Occupied first house built in York in 1798.<sup>1</sup> For his services he received a free grant of large tracts of land in Canada. Died during War of 1813.

Capt. Alexander Shaw, son of above AEneas Shaw,

fought in seven general engagements in Europe and was at the taking of Alexandria, in 1813. Thus, while father was fighting in Canada, the son was engaged in the east, under the same flag. Capt. Alexander was one of the only five officers who came out of the Alexandrian affair alive.

George Shaw, son of above Capt. Alexander Shaw,

was Lieutenant in Queen's Rangers and served during 1837-1838. ~~Lieut. George Shaw was one of the officers who were killed at the battle of the Chateaugay. He was killed on the 25th of October, 1838.~~

Lieut.-Col. George Alexander Shaw - son of above George.

Born at Kingston, 1844. Educated at Upper Canada College and Trinity College School. Entered civil service as railway mail clerk in 1867. In 1882 commenced a mining and lumbering business. Served with 10th Royals during Fenian Raids being in command of H. Company. Selected as one of the captains during the Louis Riel troubles, and was Lieutenant of the 4th Century Militia. Married in 1882 to Marion Christina Bastedo, daughter of Gilbert Bastedo, crown attorney for Halton County.

Interview with Mrs. Jas. Duncan, Toronto, Ont.

6 June, 1933.

JOHN SHAW- East  $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 4, Con. 3. John Shaw was born on this farm, the son of Aeneas Shaw. Aeneas Shaw, the first of his family to come to Canada, cleared this farm. His wife used to tell of how she used to strap the baby on her back and go out logging in the woods with her husband.

(Old Col. Shaw, who lived until recently on Dunn Ave. in Toronto, is a relation of this family. He is in his 90's.)

Aeneas Shaw went blind, and for twenty years before he died lay on a couch, unable to see. John took over the farm when he grew up.

John Shaw married Miss Eliza Mills from Caledon. There was a log house on the farm, and it was not until after John Shaw died and his children sold the farm to a Mr. Hewson that this log house was replaced by a new rough cast house.

Children of Aeneas Shaw:

John Shaw, lived on the farm till he died. Methodist and Tory.

James, went to Alton and married there. I think he went to work in the mills.

George Shaw. I don't know where he went. Unmarried I think.

Agnes, married Mr. Weir. Her husband died, leaving one son, Henry. She used to keep house at John Shaw's, and was a house-keeper for Mr. James Sinclair, lot 4, Con. 5. Henry Weir taught school at Grahamsville, and then came to Toronto.

## Memo

Extract from interview with Mrs. Jas. Duncan,  
Toronto, 1933.

Twp. Chinguacousy. E½ Lot 4, Con. 3. (near Nortonville). This farm was cleared by Aeneas Shaw, the first of his family to come to Canada. For 20 years before his death he was blind. John took over the farm when he grew up. John married Eliza Mills of Caledon. After John's death his children sold the farm to Mr. Hewson.  
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Lt.-Col. George A. Shaw, (189 Dunn Ave., La. 3936), is a relation of this family.

Is this correct and if so what is the relationship with Major-General Aeneas Shaw?

Is this reproduction that of the portrait in Colonel Shaw's home?

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Eneas Shaw, Constable, Chinguacousy 1845.

was [I have, Chinguacousy, Constable 1844]

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Cheneas,  Chingwa, constable 1848

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Aeneas Shaw, Chinguaconcy, Constable 1849.

Leaves (Shaw) Chinguarouay, Costa Rica 1850



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No. 1670. Mayor-General Aeneas Shaw. Has member of family of Tordorach, in Strathairn, Scotland, Served in Revolutionary War - at the close settled in N.E. In winter of 1792 Shaw, at that time, a Capt. in the Queen's Rangers, walked on snowshoes from Fredericton to Que. Mrs. Simcoe in her Diary gives account of journey. When Gov. Simcoe selected Toronto as his capital, Capt. Shaw adopted that as his home. Was a member of Executive Council. Became Lieut. Col. 1799 and later Major-General. When Gov. Hunter left York for a visit to Niagara, Aeneas Shaw was one of a committee of 3 left to administer the Govt. A daughter of his was the fiancée of Sir Isaac Brock.

Water color from portrait by J. W. L. Forster, 8 x 8.

SHAW, GEORGE ALEXANDER,

(from Representative Canadians  
: Rose)

Lieutenant-Colonel, Toronto, was born at Kingston Canada, on June 24th, 1844. This gentleman is a direct lineal descendant of the MacDuff who was created first Earl or Thane of Fife, for services rendered to Malcolm Canmore, King of Scotland, in 1057. In 1163 Shaw, the third son of the fifth Earl of Fife, for gallant conduct in battle, was appointed Governor of the castle at Inverness. This appointment remained in the Shaw family for several generations, and it is here that the name Macintosh originated, thus, Mac-an-Tois each, meaning son of the foremost or chief man. Angus the sixth chief of the Macintoshs, was present at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The family is essentially a military one, and sprung of the royal blood of Scotland. The first connection of the family with this country was when Mr. Shaw's great grandfather, Major-General Alpheas Shaw, a U. E. loyalist, served during the first American rebellion. Major Shaw occupied the first house built in York in 1793, and it was destroyed during the American invasion of 1813. For his services he received a free grant of large tracts of land in various parts of the Province of Canada, among them being 500 acres north of thearrison at York. On this he built a large house in 1795, calling it "Oak Hill" (i. e., Fordarrock), and in this house he had the honour of entertaining the Duke of Kent, Her Majesty's father. He died of fatigue during the war of 1813. Our subject's grandfather Captain Alexander Shaw, of the 69th, formerly the 85th, fought in seven general engagements in Europe, and was at the taking of Alexandria, in 1813. Thus it will be seen that Captain Alexander Shaw's father was fighting in Canada while the son was engaged in the east doing battle under the same flag. Captain Shaw was one of the only five officers of

the regiment who came out of the Alexandrian affair alive. Our subject's father was George Shaw, who was a lieutenant in the Queen's Rangers, and served during 1837-38. The mother of Mr. Shaw was Ellen Newson, of Dublin, and belonged to an old Irish family. Lieut.-Colonel Shaw was educated at Upper Canada College and Trinity College school, and afterwards at the University of Trinity College, and at these places acquired an ordinary classical education. He has had military tastes from youth, but owing to circumstances he did not become a regular. He entered the civil service as railway mail clerk in 1867, and continued so, advancing in position, till 1882, when he commenced a mining and lumbering business. He, however, still holds a position in the civil service. He has large interests in Colorado Silver Mountain mining districts, as well as elsewhere. He went through the Military School in 1865, taking second, and afterwards first-class, certificates, and he served with the 10th Royals during the Fenian raids, being in command of H Company. He was selected as one of the captains during the Louis Riel troubles, and was lieutenant in the 4th Sedentary Militia. He became in May, 1871, adjutant in the 10th Royals, and held this rank for six years; then he was promoted junior major, then senior major, then commanding officer (lieut.-colonel), with which rank he retired in October, 1880. He is an Orangeman; a member of St. Andrew's Society and also belongs to the Sons of Scotland and the Caledonian Society. He also belongs to the Board of Trade, and the Workmen's National Co-operative Union, and is vice-Consul for Hawaii. Lieut.-Colonel Shaw has travelled through the United States and Canada. In religion he belongs to the Church of England; and in politics he is a Liberal-Conservative. He married on August 30th, 1882, Marion Christina Gastedo, daughter of Gilbert Gastedo, crown attorney for the County of Halton. It may not be uninteresting to state that the arms of the Shaws of Tordarrich are: quarterly-first and

fourth-or, a lion rampant gules, armed and languid azure; a second and third, Argent. ■ fir tree growing out of a mount in base, all proper; on a chief gules charged with an augmentation of royal standard of Scotland, a canton of the field, thereon a dexter hand couped lesswise, proper, holding ■ dagger point downwards, gules. Crest: ■ dexter hand and forearm couped, holding a dagger erect, all proper. Motto: Fide et Fortitudine.

Alderman R. H. Graham.

Ask if Egerton's, General of Militia Shaw was not his Grandmother's brother.

Then if so, that portion of land east of the Etobicoke and west of the Indian Line was a military grant to Shaw, into and that Shaw resold it, and it later came ~~to~~ the possession of the Mercers, Silverthorns, Douglas, Custeads and Silverthorns.

It was first in York then resurveyed into Peel by order of Simcoe, and then came back into York by some agreement between the two counties.

Shaw was one of the first Orangemen, and is buried in St. James' Cathedral.

## Sophia's Farewell to Isaac

By FRED WILLIAMS

DO YOU KNOW that those people who sneer at Canadian history and assert that it has no romance equivalent to that of older lands should consider the story of Sophia Shaw and Isaac Brock, which culminated in their farewell at dawn 120 years ago to-morrow, and alter their conclusion? We have romance in the struggles of the pioneers with the forest and climate, we have romance of battle on lake and land, we have the romance of our political growth into a nation, we have the romance of the unification of varied peoples into one Canadian nationality, but, chief among our romances, are the love stories which have been woven into our history. All the world still loves a lover. Despite our so-called sophistication we have changed little during the ages. Cupid is busy to-day as in the years past, but where in our romances of to-day would we find a romance such as that of the beautiful Sophia and the brave and handsome Isaac?

Sophia was the daughter of that gallant soldier, Aeneas Shaw, who deprived of this world's goods by the revolutionaries of New York, sought refuge first in New Brunswick and then in Upper Canada. She had shared the perils of the journeys from New York to Saint John and then after her father had conducted the famous Winter march of the Queen's Rangers through the wilderness to Quebec, had, with her mother and brothers and sisters, made the desperate journey through hostile New York State to the lake, on the shores of which her father had built a home, the first house in Toronto, later to be York, and then Toronto again, that home on Garrison Creek, north of the Queen Street of to-day, log cabin though it was, became a royal residence, for when Prince Edward later the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, visited Toronto, he honored it by his presence. That primitive home gave way to the first frame house in town a little further north, to which Aeneas Shaw gave the name Tordarrach after the ancestral estate in Scotland. There Sophia grew to womanhood, modest in her beauty, a happiness to her family and a good ministering angel to the poor. When Isaac Brock came to Upper Canada in 1810 he divided his time between Fort George and York. Here his happiest hours were spent with the Shaw family for it was not long before Cupid shot his arrow and the twain were betrothed. But, alas! marriage was not then possible. General Brock's brother, William, had gone bankrupt in London and the soldier's debt to him had to be met out of his military pay. He was administrator of Upper Canada, he was commander-in-chief, but he could not "keep up his station" since his pay was mortgaged at home. Yet the couple hoped for the future. When Brock captured Detroit and returned in triumph to Fort George and York, none rejoiced more than Sophia Shaw. Perhaps out of that

dreadful invasion of Canada might come opportunity for their marriage?

But it was not to be. Sophia's sister, Isabella, had married John Powell of Newark and she crossed the lake to visit them and be near her beloved. Then came the fateful twelfth of October, the eve of Queenston Heights. In the words of Miss Blodwin Davies: "Brock called his officers into council. They separated after midnight. Brock went on writing in his journal and then flung himself half-dressed, upon his bed. About three o'clock he started up with the regular beat of pounding guns in his ears. Struggling into his clothes and calling for his horse, Brock set off alone, within a few minutes. The horse raced gallantly on in the wet misty morning, over roads deep in mud. As Brock rode towards the heights at Queenston the dim horizon was painted with an ominous frieze of scarlet light. On his road stood the Powell house. The guns had roused the household from their sleep and Sophia knew that her lover would come riding by. Out of the dimness he came, wet with rain, splashed with mud. Strained and anxious of face he drew up by the doorway to rest his horse. Sophia had a brave face to greet him, and woman-like, she had a cup of coffee in her hand. Without dismounting Brock took the cup and grateful for her thought, drank its contents down. Sophia stood by, her eyes etching for the hundredth time that brave, handsome face, rumped fair hair, hastily tied cravat, broad straight shoulders that filled every inch of his scarlet coat, a beloved face, tender and strong, penetrating eyes and commanding lips that had pledged him to her. Father, brothers and lover were all in the fighting. Brock must have a smile as he rode off to Queenston Heights. There in the whitening dawn Sophia Shaw stood, empty coffee cup in her hand, waving her handkerchief to the swiftly riding Brock. Within an hour Brock was dead."

The parting gave a Canadian artist, Walter White, an opportunity to enter the hall of fame with an historic picture of great beauty. It is in the Archives Building at Ottawa, where rests Brock's blood-stained uniform, with the hole through which passed the bullet which took the great soldier. A replica of that painting is one of the cherished possessions of Sophia Shaw's grand nephew, our own veteran, an Lieut-Col. George A. Shaw and his wife. To them it is as dear as life itself for they venerate the memory of that noble son of Quernsey, who gave his life to save Upper Canada to the British Crown.

Sophia Shaw never married. She was true to her love until 63 years later she passed to join him in the beyond. After her father's death in 1870 she lived for some time with a sister, Mrs. Baldwin, mother of Bishop Baldwin and last with her sister, Charlotte, wife of Rev. Ephraim Evans, active in good works to the end, and inspiring in the young that love of country which means so much to us Britishers. She and Charlotte were buried side by side.

MT. OLIVET

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SHAW, Aeneas, d. 9 Sept. 1874, aged 86 yrs.

" Ann (Higgins,) w. d. 14 May 1884, aged 83 yrs.

Shaw, John, died 18 March, 1890, aged 63 yrs.

Shaw, Olive Effie, dau. of Robert and Mary.  
d. 10 Jan. 1892, aged 2 yrs.

Shaw, Alexander, s. of Aeneas and Ann Shaw,  
d. 1850, aged 6 yrs.

## SHAW FAMILY, U.E.

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(See United Empire Loyalists' Ass'n, Annual Transactions, 1903 and 1904.)

N. B. Aeneas Shaw  
was regular  
soldier yet  
regarded as  
Loyalist.

Ancient Scottish family descended from MacDuff, thane of Fife. Family claims ability to trace ancestry back to 4th century, A.D. Aeneas, son of Angus Shaw of Tordarroch, entered the British army at an early age, ensign in 39th Regt. in 1774. Served in Revolutionary War, Lt. in 1777 and became captain in Queen's Rangers in 1781. Major in Simcoe's Corps in 1784, and Lt.-Col. of Queen's Rangers in 1798, which position he held until end of 1803. Distinguished for bravery. Mrs. Simcoe's Diary tells of famous march on snowshoes made by Queen's Rangers under him from New Brunswick to Niagara in record time. Personal friend of Simcoe and Brock. Major-General in 1811. First Adjutant-General of Militia in Upper Canada the same year. On Legislative Council of Upper Canada, one of Committee of Council which administered affairs during absence of Governor Hunter. In 1792 built first house in town of York at east side of Garrison Creek. Received grant of 500 acres to north and settled there. "Oak Hill". Died 1815. Fought in War of 1812, present at defence of York, unjustly blamed for its fall by Riddell, when he merely carried out orders from General Sheaffe. Died from fatigue due to war.

Had married twice, first Ann Gosline, U.E.



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Shaw family.

then Margaret Hickman. Had 7 sons and 6 daughters. All his sons served with distinction in the army. The eldest son, Alexander, was the most famous, having had a distinguished career in the Napoleonic wars. But he is not connected with Peel.

One of the daughters, Sophia, was the fiancée of General Brock, and never married.

John, son of Aeneas, fought through the Revolutionary War with his father, and was twice wounded.

Aeneas ( 1789-1874) son of Aeneas, was Captain in Glengarry Fencibles. He settled in Chingacousy E. Lot 4, Con.3. Constable of Chingacousy, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850. Pathmaster, J.P., 1851. Blind for last 20 years of life.

John, son of Captain Aeneas, carried on his father's farm until his death in 1890. Pathmaster. Then farm was sold and family scattered.

Lt.-Col. G.A. Shaw, great-grandson of Major-General Aeneas, says that U.E.L. transactions are inaccurate as to small details, e.g. number of children, year house was built, etc., so I took these from Chadwick's Ontarian Families, which bases its accounts on documents in Lt.-Col. Shaw's possession.

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Alexander Wood's Letter Book

Mrs. Elmsley York 7th April 1806.

Shaw, U.S.

...Col. Shaw and his family are in Good health, he is much altered his spirits seem entirely fled. he is no more the Gay animated Companion, Seldom leaves home and when in Company appears retired within himself, his <sup>[change]</sup> Charge is very great, & his assistants unexperienced few can be more unprepared for <sup>such</sup> ~~luck~~ a change than they.

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RECORDS - TOWNSHIP OF CHINGUACOUSY FOR THE  
YEAR - 1825

3 January 1825

The Inhabitants &c &c met this year according  
to warning on ... 3 January, and made choice  
of the following named persons to serve as Town  
Officers (Viz)

- For the East side -

- Pathmasters -

Aenas Shaw